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House Standing Committee
Natural Resources, Tourism, & Outdoor Recreation

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Please vote NO when you consider SB 1057 at the committee meeting on 12/4/12. This bill is based on increasing government employees and creating unnecessary bureaucracy.

This is a quick list of the costly and negative elements -- there are others.

1. Creation of an expensive and expansive government bureaucracy that is unnecessary (remember the initial House version puts the responsibility on the landowner and the landowners agent with spot checking by DNR).
2. Diversion of 2 mils from the School Aid Fund (SAF) to MDARD.
3. Changing the minimum acreage from 20 acres to 10 acres -- bringing in high value properties, unnecessarily reducing the SAF with little to no public benefit.
4. Change the minimum amount of productive acres from 80% to 50%, unnecessarily reducing the SAF with little to no public benefit.
5. allow structures, but no tax reduction on the structure (this will effectively bring in small waterfront and other high value properties that are a minimum of 5 acres productive forestland). The reduction of funds to the School Aid Fund will dramatically increase with no appreciable increase in forest management or public benefit.

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Please call or e-mail if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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